

Move to reorganise tech edn sector

The government has taken an initiative to reorganize the technical education sector in order to build skilled manpower in the country for increasing foreign exchange earnings manifold, reports BSS.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid today said this while inaugurating a 10-day training on "Monitoring and Evaluation of Technical and Vocational Education Programme in the Country".

Bangladesh and Colombo Pan Staff College (CPSC), a 19-member international organization of Pan Asian countries, jointly organized the training in the auditorium of College of Textile Technology.

Director General (DG) of Technical Education Department Professor Nitai Chandra Sutradhar chaired the function.

DG of CPSC Professor Shyamol Majumder also spoke on the occasion.

The education minister said there is no alternate to technical education for turning a large population into human resources.

Although 65 lakh Bangladeshis are working abroad, the country's earnings from manpower sector is much less as the workforce is unskilled or semi-skilled, he said.

"These earnings could be raised manifold by making our manpower skilled at the international standard equipped with technical expertise through providing them technical and vocational education," he said.

An initiative has been taken to formulate new course curriculum considering the demands of the manpower-importing countries through consultations with entrepreneurs and appointing authorities, he said.

The minister said emphasis has been given for technical and vocational education in the newly announced education policy.

This policy would also help build a 'Digital Bangladesh' declared by the government, he added.

The education minister urged all for giving priority to technical education rather than the general education.